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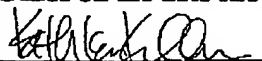
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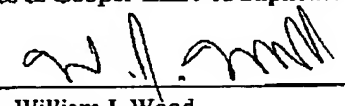
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. The references were recently cited in a European Office Action.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted after the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits, but before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113, and/or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311. No fee is due as this statement is submitted as certified below under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) or (2) by the undersigned.

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